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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

**House Resolution**

**No. 16**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia**

June 14, 2007

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House Resolution No. 16—Relative to National HIV/AIDS Testing Day.

1 WHEREAS, The United States Centers for Disease Control and  
2 Prevention estimates that more than 1,000,000 people in the United  
3 States are now living with HIV, and approximately 25 percent of  
4 those individuals are unaware of their HIV infection; and

5 WHEREAS, HIV counseling and testing better enables people  
6 with HIV to take steps to protect their own health and that of their  
7 partners, and helps people who test negative to get the information  
8 they need to stay uninfected; and

9 WHEREAS, June 27, 2007, marks the 13th year of National  
10 HIV/AIDS Testing Day; and

11 WHEREAS, National HIV/AIDS Testing Day is an annual  
12 campaign produced by the National Association of People with  
13 AIDS (NAPWA-US) that seeks to raise the country's awareness  
14 of the importance of knowing one's HIV status and to encourage  
15 at-risk individuals to receive an HIV test; and

16 WHEREAS, The National HIV/AIDS Testing Day campaign  
17 reaches out to members of all populations, especially those in  
18 high-risk populations, including African-American and Latino  
19 communities; adolescents; young homosexual, bisexual, and  
20 transgendered men; women of childbearing age; and people who  
21 use contaminated needles to inject drugs; and

1     *WHEREAS, HIV testing sites, state and local health departments,*  
2     *and community based HIV/AIDS service providers will participate*  
3     *in National HIV/AIDS Testing Day by holding health fairs,*  
4     *providing community outreach, and hosting special testing-related*  
5     *events; and*

6     *WHEREAS, Individuals are encouraged to educate themselves*  
7     *by participating in these events; and*

8     WHEREAS, Thousands of community events involving state  
9     and local organizations will be held nationwide in observance of  
10    National HIV/AIDS Testing Day; now, therefore, be it

11    *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, That the*  
12    *Assembly recognizes June 27, 2007, as National HIV/AIDS Testing*  
13    *Day, and encourages all individuals, state and local health*  
14    *departments, and community-based HIV/AIDS service providers*  
15    *to participate in National HIV/AIDS Testing Day; and be it further*

16    *Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies*  
17    *of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.*